

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend page 8, lines 24 to 27, to recite:

--As used herein, the term "protective immunity" ~~in~~ refers to at least 75% clearance, more preferably 90% clearance of the challenging agent, such as an infectious agent, from the subject preferably within 3 weeks after the introduction of the challenging agent, more preferably within 2 weeks, most preferably within days.--